

**NONPROVISIONAL PATENT  
APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL RULE §1.53(b)  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): A METHOD OF AND A DEVICE FOR FLATNESS DETECTION

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- ☒ 17 pages of Specification/Claims 1-15/Abstract are attached.  
☒ Formal drawings (Fig(s). 1-6; 4 sheet(s)) is/are attached.  
☐ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.  
☐ An assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_ is attached, along with Form PTO-1595 and a check for \$40.00.  
☐ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached, along with Form PTO-1449, and \_\_\_\_\_ reference(s).  
☐ This application is entitled to Small Entity Status.  
☒ A Preliminary Amendment is attached.  
☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, --  
☒ Priority of foreign application No. 00 13495 filed October 20, 2000 in France is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.  
☐ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is attached.

The filing fee is calculated below and includes claim status after entry of any Preliminary Amendment noted above:

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Respectfully submitted,

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